

Correspondence

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LEPERS' HOME

Sir.—On July 21 there appeared in the Chinese Press an advertisement by the Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital calling for tenders for the erection of a Lepers' Home at Tai Po Wan. This was the first intimation the public had that it was proposed to build such an institution in this populous and growing residential district, comprising Mount Davis Road, Felix Villa, Island Road, Saseoon Road, Pokfulam and the Dairy Farm district. It is not surprising that property owners and residents of this area are greatly alarmed by the prospect and the way that a matter of such moment to the public health was approved without any public discussion. Our sympathy for the unfortunate sufferers of this dread disease should not blind us to the necessity of segregating them, as is done in all civilised communities. They should certainly not be dumped into the middle of a residential area as is now proposed.

The Government has intimated that the Dairy Farm leases will not be renewed as the land will be required for building residences to relieve the present congestion, and as a resident of this district for many years, I can testify as to its desirability for home building and predict its popularity. Into it, it has now apparently been decided to introduce a Lepers' Home. It does not make sense.

I hope you will grant me the hospitality of your columns. May this letter may reach the eye of Authority and cause a reconsideration of a step which not only the present but future generations will regret.

Yours faithfully,
AN OLD RESIDENT

New clinic
at Saikung

A new clinic has been opened at Cheng Lan Shui, Saikung, at the request of the inhabitants of the villages; it was disclosed in the quarterly report of the Medical Department yesterday.

The report added that four extra doctors were engaged on May 15 for the opening of a new Government Outpatients Clinic at Kwong Wah Hospital to relieve the congestion at the Kowloon Hospital Outpatients.

The number of cases seen at this clinic rose from 427 for the week ended May 20 to 1,400 for the week ending June 24.

There has been a considerable increase of typhoid cases. Since April 1 the number of notified cases was approximately three times as numerous as in the same period in 1949. The incidence of the disease is markedly concentrated in those areas where the most dense colonies of squatters are found.

The figures for tuberculosis continue to show an increase in notification returns. This disease is unquestionably the major problem. The chief factor in its spread is probably the almost incredible congestion in the city at present.



Mr. J. W. Dailey (left) and Mr. Jay Krane (right) shown at the International Free Trade Union Delegation Press conference yesterday. (China Mail photo.)

ICFTU to survey position of trade unionism in Asia

To survey the present position of trade unionism in Asia, the difficulties confronting the movement and to determine the best means of overcoming them, are among the principal objectives of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

This was revealed by Mr. Jay Krane of the ICFTU (America), one of the two secretaries attached to the Mission, at a Press conference held yesterday.

The ICFTU delegation is visiting Asia and the Far East at a time when the peace of the region, and possibly of the whole world, has been thrown into jeopardy by the armed totalitarian assault upon Southern Korea—the latest flagrant attempt to extend the Communist sphere of influence by force of arms, Mr. Krane pointed out.

The situation thus created however, in no way diminishes the importance of the mission, added Mr. Krane.

Applications for re-entry permits should not therefore be made either in person or in writing to the Immigration Office, added the official statement.

Political ends and the most effective means of combating such activities.

Situation in Japan

In answering questions put to him by the Press representatives yesterday regarding the trade union situation in Japan, Mr. Dailey said the unions there were still in the immature stage although they had improved vastly from what they had been at the end of the war but have not reached the standard before the war. Out of eight million workers in Japan, three million were members of trade unions which were affiliated to the ICFTU.

In Taiwan, the workers were just beginning to appreciate self-government and what it involved.

Mr. Krane emphasised that the ICFTU delegation who arrived in Hong Kong on Sunday are Mr. John Brophy (CIO), Mr. Gordon Chapman (AFL), Mr. Roger Dekeyzer (Belgian Federation of Labour), Mr. Deven-Sen (Indian National TUC), Mr. Jay Krane of ICFTU headquarters staff and Mr. Richard Deverall, AFL representative in Asia, are attached to the Mission as Secretaries.

The delegation, which will be in Asia for two months, has already visited India, Japan and Taiwan.

The three members of the ICFTU mission who arrived in Hong Kong on Sunday are Mr. John Brophy, Mr. Fred Dailey and Mr. J. Krane. They will be leaving by BOAC plane for Bangkok at 8 a.m. today where they will join the other members of the mission. From there they will proceed on a visit to Indo-China, Malaya, the Philippine Islands, Ceylon, India and will then return to Brussels.

"We will fight any kind of totalitarianism in any place in the world," Mr. Krane added.

Mr. Krane continued to say that the ICFTU was formed mainly because of the World Federation of Trade Union which had been formed in 1945, and comprised of all trade unions except the American trade unions.

In 1948, the trade unions in Europe and America supported the Marshall Plan but the Communists which had gained control of the WFTU within a matter of months after it was formed were not interested in the recovery of Western Europe and so there was a split in the World Federation of Trade Unions.

Then the ICFTU was formed and in now sending its delegates to visit Asia and to help in forming trade unions.

The other objectives are:

To elaborate plans for the establishment of regional organisations which, while forming an integral part of the ICFTU would enjoy that large measure of autonomy required for dealing effectively with the many special problems facing the workers of Asia.

To analyse the economic situation of the countries concerned to ascertain what type of international technical and material assistance is needed for advancing their economic and social development, and the part which their unions could play in assisting the application in the interests of the peoples.

To expand the role of the ICFTU in the mobilisation of the working class in Asia, the building of international trade unions and federations.

Mr. Dailey said that the

Construction of flats for residents with low incomes

Questions to PWD Director on digging up of roads

Questions on the digging up of roads by the Public Works Department and by public utility will be asked at tomorrow's Legislative and Council meeting.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy will ask the Director of Public Works the following questions:

Whether the necessity for opening a trench along the nearly constructed Shaikwah Road could not have been foreseen so that the work could have been carried out prior to the completion of the road?

Whether all steps will be taken to co-ordinate the plans of public utility companies with those of the PWD before the work of raising the level of Queen's Road (from Ice House Street to Pedder Street) is proceeded with?

Whether this attention has been called to the Public Utilities Streets Works Bill, shortly to be presented to the Parliament of the United Kingdom which codifies procedure to regulate the breaking up of streets for the laying of pipes, mains and cables, as recommended by the Carnock Committee in its report of 1939.

New Bill to prohibit sketching, photographing of prohibited places

A Bill to prohibit the making of sketches and the taking of photographs of protected and prohibited places will have its First Reading at tomorrow's Legislative Council meeting.

Personalia

Departures for Honol on Sunday by Air France included Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Messrs. Nguyen Ngoc-Ien, Wang Hul-ting and Kuan Nan-chi.

Among those who left the Colony for Saigon on Sunday by Air France were Mr. A. M. Doyle, Mrs. Ly Tu-ien, Mrs. Tu Tu, Messrs. R. E. Bailey, J. D. French and C. F. Hamson.

Offenders on summary conviction will be liable to a maximum fine of HK\$2,000 and a maximum six-month prison sentence.

Persons found in the vicinity of protected and prohibited places or any munitions of war—the whole or any part of any ship, submarine, aircraft, tank, arms and ammunition, etc.—is also to be prohibited.

Possession of such sketches and photographs is also banned by the proposed Bill.

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Among those who left for Manila yesterday by CPA were Messrs. R. Lopez, E. Silverster, A. Ong, A. D. Paul, N. T. Buland, J. W. Williams, M. E. Petrick and C. F. Hamson.

Among the arrivals from Kobe and Tianjin yesterday by the Sinking were Dr. and Mrs. P. Tallard, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ferrier, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Duthie, Miss M. E. Ewing, Mrs. G. M. Duthie, Miss P. Lenie, Miss C. B. Finch, Mrs. M. Simakov, R. De Premonville and G. Y. T. Char.

Miss J. Booth, Miss A. G. Greig, Miss M. McCormick, Mrs. R. L. de Molt and S. Fraser left for Japan yesterday by the ss. Foochow.

Every situation...



Assault charge dismissed

Private William George Miller, aged 23, of Gun Club Hill, was discharged by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday when the complainant, a Chinese woman failed to recognise the defendant as the person who had struck her on July 9 at 11.15 p.m. Miller was charged with common assault.

The complainant said that on that night she was walking along Austin Road when two Europeans came up to her and assaulted her with beer bottles.

"I was struck and very angry," the woman said when the Court asked her to identify the defendant. "I was then told to go to the police station to identify the defendant."

Furthermore, as the question was being answered, the woman said that the defendant was not the person who had struck her. She said in Court that the defendant merely ran away with another person who had attacked her.

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Reminders

Today

HK Art Club's Summer Exhibition, British Council Library, Gloucester Bldg., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (admission free).

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 9.45 p.m.

NAAFI Club, table tennis tournament, 8 p.m.

Cheung Services Club, whilst drive, 7.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, whilst drive, 8 p.m.

Hong Kong Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

HK Reference Association, annual meeting, at Victoria Recreation Club, 8.30 p.m.

HK Football Association Council meeting, Prince's Bldg., 5.30 p.m.

Photographic Society of HK monthly dinner, Cafe Wisconsin, 7 p.m.; the show of American Travels by Dr. Ernest To.

Coming events

TOMORROW

ToC B meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Swimming Gala, European YMCA, 7.30 p.m.

NAAFI Club, Darts Tournament, 8 p.m.

Women's Section, European YMCA Mahjong, 10 a.m.

Union Jack Club, Whist Drive, 7.45 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Screening of cartoons, 8 p.m.

HK Art Club, Summer Exhibition, British Council Library, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

NAAFI Club, whilst drive, 7.30 p.m.

Union Jack Club, tombola, 7.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Band Club Broadcast, 8.15 p.m.

HK Women's International Club, whilst drive for Forces, 7.30 p.m.

HK Art Club, Summer Exhibition, British Council Library, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

TO BE WED

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Captain Robert Logan Finlayson, REME, of "F" Mess, HQ Land Forces, 29 Macdonnell Road, and Captain Irene Pendry, GARANC, Sisters' Mess, Telephone Building, Kowloon.

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The trial of Marcus A. da Silva, solicitor, and Shao-kwai Tam, film director of the Yung Hwa Motion Pictures Industries, Ltd., both charged with conspiracy to procure false evidence, started at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

The defence did not raise any objections to the playing of the wire recorder alleged by the Crown to contain snatches of conversation between Silva and a witness of the Crown, relating to the charge.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Acting Chief Justice, after hearing legal arguments from both sides at the outset, decided that a further charge of inciting another to procure false evidence be heard at a separate trial.

The two accused are alleged to have conspired with others to procure William Henry Cowle to give false evidence between May 12 and June 2, in connection with a manslaughter case then pending against Cheung Dik-chan, Chinese screen actress.

The prosecutor is Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel. He is assisted by Mr. L. R. Andrews, Crown Solicitor, Mr. Tom Cashman, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence for Kowloon, in the police office in charge of the case.

Silva is defended by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, Mr. Leo d'Almada KC, and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Sir Mai-kan Lo.

The second accused is represented by Mr. John McNeill, KC, and Mr. S. V. Githins, on instructions of Mr. C. Y. Kwan.

Upon both accused entering a plea of not guilty yesterday, a jury of five men and two women was empanelled.

At the outset of hearing, Mr. Sheldon on behalf of Silva made an application for the present trial to proceed in respect of only one of the charges in the indictment.

Council pointed out that in the present case there is an allegation of a substantive offence in the first indictment, while in the second, an allegation of conspiracy is made.

Quoting an authority in support, Mr. Sheldon submitted that where there is a substantive crime alleged, it is improper to allege as well in count of conspiracy. He asked the Court if it would not be better if the Crown would not be able to pass the Hong Kong driving test.

A lot of weight

Silva, it is alleged, asked Cowle how much that would cost. Cowle replied he would want \$1,000, and asked Silva if he considered this evidence important. The latter answered that it would carry a lot of weight in Court.

"There is no doubt that such evidence would be of vital importance in a manslaughter case," Mr. Hooton told the jury at this point.

In the course of further talk between Silva and Cowle, he went on, it was suggested that he would prepare his own statement. Cowle then told second accused, that he had not seen the woman before.

"There is no doubt, at this stage, that Tam and Silva know Cowle had never instructed the girl in driving lessons," the prosecutor asserted.

Tam eventually took out two \$500-notes and handed these to Cowle. The latter remarked laughingly that he supposed receipts were not needed for this transaction, to which Tam also laughed, and agreed.

"Either Cowle was making a monstrous allegation against a reputable solicitor of this Colony, or Silva was attempting to exonerate Justice by getting Cowle to give false evidence."

Turning back to the alleged facts, Mr. Hooton said that on May 11, Silva received \$4,000 from second accused, for the defence of Cheung Dik-chan.

On the 12th, Silva was charged with the offence of manslaughter before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon Remandant. Cheung appeared on the 19th again, and had her bail extended for seven days. On the 20th, Cowle saw Cashman. The latter subsequently went along with Cowle to his house at Belgrave Road, bringing with him a wire recorder apparatus.

Message left

Cowle then rang up Silva's office, leaving him a message containing his own phone number and asking Silva to ring him up at 2.30 p.m. This message was taken down by a clerk at Silva's office, and the note was later taken by the solicitor during their investigations.

When Silva was shown the message by the clerk the same day, Silva is alleged to have said: "To hell with this. You know I don't work on Saturday afternoons."

On May 22, the prosecutor con-

tinued, the solicitor wrote to the Kowloon Magistracy, telling him that his client was in hospital and it was only recently that she was able to instruct him legally.

Later that evening, Silva directed one of his clerks, Mr. Remedios, to go to Cowle's place and tell him that Silva wanted to see him urgently at Silva's office at luncheon that day.

When Cowle received the note, which was written on Remedios' visiting card, he prepared the wire recorder in his room. Just then someone rang him up, saying Marcus speaking. It is alleged:

"In the course of the conversation that followed, there was the discussion of a fee. Cowle asked for some \$5,000 for his evidence. Apparently this was too much, so he would take less. Cowle said, 'I would take \$1,000, eventually taken into account from the wire recorder apparatus.'

The prosecutor said Cheung then instructed Silva to act as his solicitor at the time of Cheung's meeting with Mr. Cowle, a mysterious man who claimed to be a solicitor and who had been unknown to Cheung.

Cowle, according to the prosecutor, was eventually taken into account from the wire recorder apparatus.

at Gloucester Building, there was reference made by him to the name of Cowle, who was a driving instructor, with his address at 7 Belgrave Road.

Phone call

On May 8, Mr. Hooton went on, Cowle received a phone call from a person identifying himself as "Mr. Silva, the solicitor." Cowle recognised his voice. Silva asked to meet him at the Peninsula Hotel for a business appointment, and arranged the next day for it.

Cowle and Silva accordingly met at the Peninsula Hotel at lunch the next day. Silva, there asked Cowle as to the latter's attitude towards the police, to which Cowle replied he was prejudiced against them.

Silva, then asked Cowle if he knew anything about the traffic accident involving a Chinese woman and a Dairy Farm cyclist at the junction of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.

Cowle replied that he did know about it. Silva disclosed that he was representing the woman concerned, and, according to Cowle, asserted: "What I am going to say you will treat as confidential, whether you say Yes or No to my suggestion."

This was agreed to by Cowle, Mr. Hooton continued. Silva then said that he wanted to draft a statement to the effect that Cowle had taught the defendant to drive for an unspecified period, that he had given her the usual test and that he found her to be a competent driver.

Cowle then received a phone call from someone making an appointment for May 31 towards the evening. That day, the police came along, and preparing the wire-recording equipment in a hiding-place, kept themselves also out of sight.

About 7.30 p.m. a complete stranger to everybody came to the house. He was the second accused, Tam, and he was wearing dark glasses and shorts. Tam was taken by Cowle to the waiting room. Their conversation was recorded.

The prosecutor stated that, in reply to a query from Cowle, Tam said he worked at Silva's office, and that he was sent there by Silva. Tam brought along a statement, which Cowle was required to sign.

Dogs not sign

Cowle did not sign the statement. After discussing parts of it, he told Tam that he would prepare his own statement. Cowle then told second accused, that he had not seen the woman before.

"There is no doubt, at this stage, that Tam and Silva know Cowle had never instructed the girl in driving lessons," the prosecutor asserted.

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Mr. Hooton went on to say that on June 2, the police after further investigation, on the activities of both accused, instructed Cowle to arrange for Silva and Tam to meet him at the Peninsula Hotel at a certain time.

Having previously got warrants for their arrest, the police then arrested the accused.

Among the first witnesses called in the morning was Cheung Dik-chan, Chinese stage and screen actress, of 96 Nathan Road, first floor, who testified as to the events on April 18 in which the the ice cream seller was accidentally killed by the car which she was driving.

The next "day" I kept the appointment," said Cowle. "I reached the Peninsula Hotel at 12.45 p.m. and sat down in the lounge. Silva arrived shortly afterwards, sat down beside me, and ordered drinks. He entered into a conversation with me mainly about racing. A little later, he asked what are your feelings towards the police," to which I replied I was prejudiced against the police. He then asked me if I knew about a fatal accident which had occurred recently at the junction of Waterloo Road and Prince Edward Road involving a Chinese lady and a Dairy Farm cyclist. I told him I knew about it and in fact I passed the scene shortly after the accident.

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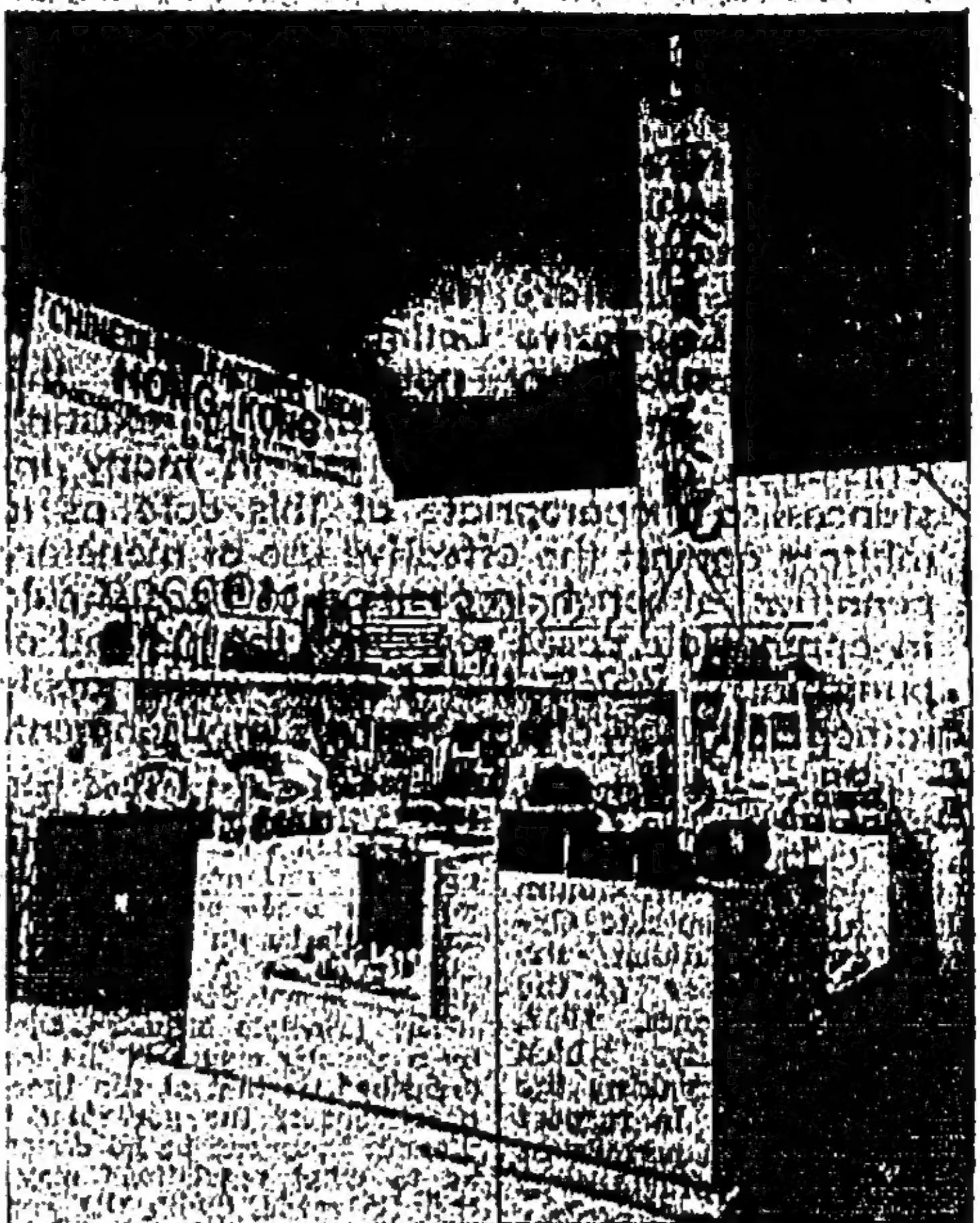
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HK stand at Brussels Fair



This is what the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Union stand looked like at the Brussels International Fair held recently.

somebody else, and of the subsequent events.

In the afternoon, the first witness called for the prosecution was Charles Chin, a motor driver employed by Cowle, who, testified to receiving a telephone call on May 8, at about 1.30 p.m. The caller said he was Mr. Silva, the solicitor, and wanted to speak to Cowle. Cowle answered the telephone.

Cowle then said: "What I am going to tell you now I want you to treat as confidential, whether you say yes or no. Will you say that you taught the girl to drive, that you have given her special instructions in driving, covering such things as emergency stoppings, . . ."

Here Mr. Hooton interposed by asking witness whether he proposed to treat the matter confidential.

"I said I would treat it as confidential," replied Cowle.

Continuing, Cowle said Silva went on to ask whether he would say that in his opinion the girl was a fit and competent person to pass the Hong Kong Police driving test.

"Silva told me the girl was a Chinese film actress, and no matter what the decision was in the accident case he, Silva, had insisted that the relatives of the deceased should receive full compensation from the lady involved. This lady, Silva said, had a learner's licence in March 1949, or which expired in March 1949. She had held it for a period of two months.

Question of fees

"He also mentioned casually what would be my fees."

Here Mr. Justice Williams, asked witness in what way was the proposal about fees put to him. "What would be your fees? How about \$1,000?" replied witness.

Cowle said he did not give any reply to this proposal, and the conversation just continued:

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Ordinance to amend
procedure for trial

An Ordinance to effect amendments in penalties
for offences under miscellaneous Ordinances,
and to amend the procedure for trial in cer-
tain cases will have its First Reading at to-
morrow's Legislative Council meeting.

An official explanatory note states that the
maximum penalties stipulated in existing
legislation of the Colony are in many in-
stances so inappropriate at this date as to
 militate against the effective use of monetary
penalties, although imposition of fines should
in appropriate cases represent the method of
punishment which the Courts would apply
rather than the alternative of imprisonment.

In these circumstances, within the last two years
amendments have been enacted to increase maximum
penalties in nine specific Ordinances. In addition the
amendment last year of the
Magistrates' Ordinance, 1932, afforded opportunity, which
was taken, of modernising the
gradation of fines in respect of which maximum periods of
imprisonment are provided as
alternatives to payment of fine.

It is evident, however, that
the amendment does not
solve the problem, which recurs
throughout the Colony's legislation. The preparation of a revised
edition of the laws presents a
convenient opportunity to incorporate into the laws the many
amendments necessary by application of section 6 of the Revised
Edition of the Laws Ordinance, 1948, which authorises submission
to Legislative Council of this Bill to effect amendments to
miscellaneous Ordinances, 85 in
number.

The amendment proposed by
clause 3 of the Bill is included to
permit in the course of Law Re-
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trial on indictment notwithstanding
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It is provided by clause 5 that
the Ordinance shall not come into
operation before a date to be
prescribed by proclamation be-
cause the 238 specific amend-
ments which are designed to be
effected by the Bill can await
actual incorporation into the law
until publication of the revised
edition of the laws has been
made. Thus the necessity for the
noting of a large number of minor
amendments to Ordinances in
addition to their appearance in
printed form in the revised
edition would be avoided.

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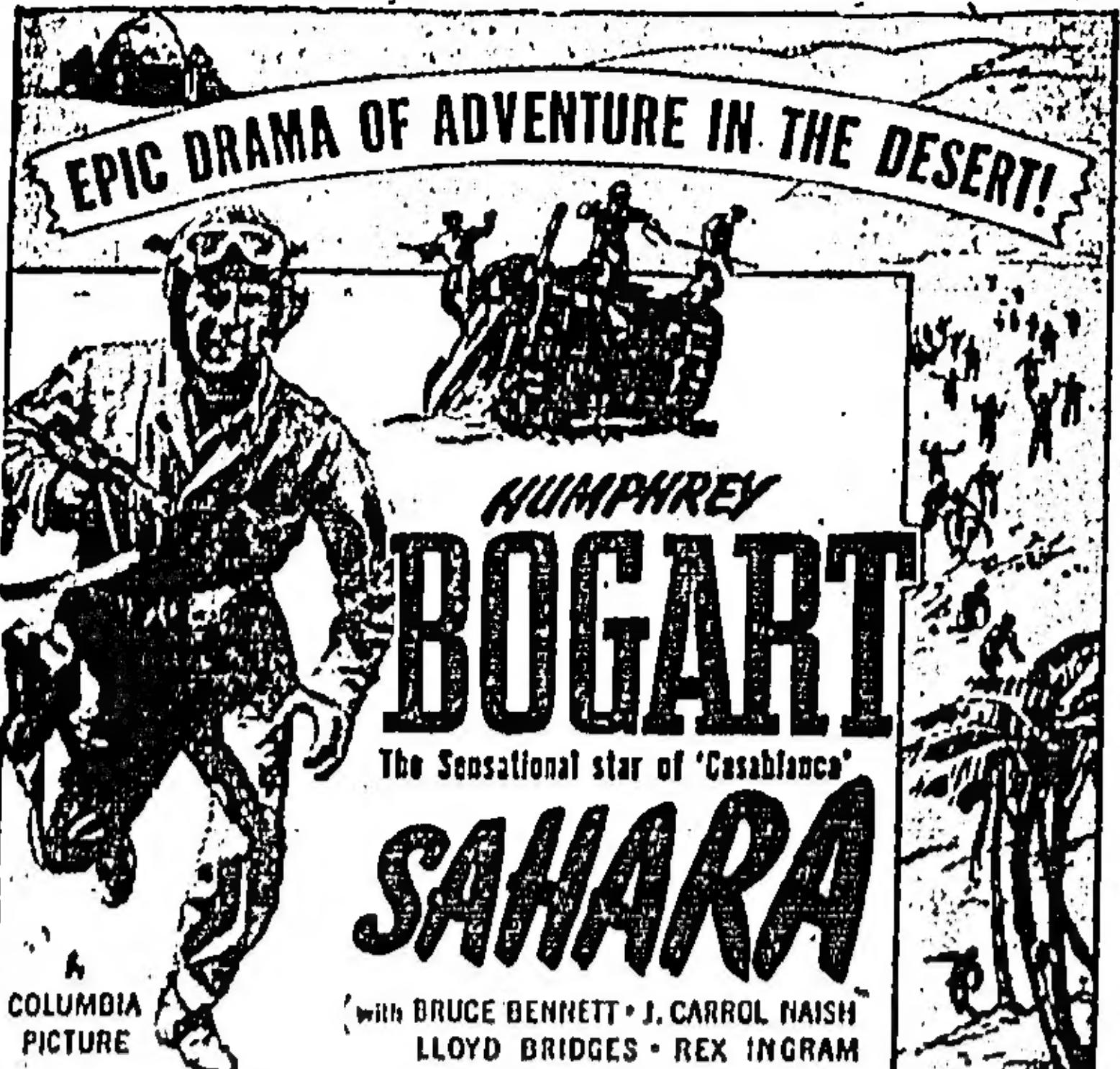
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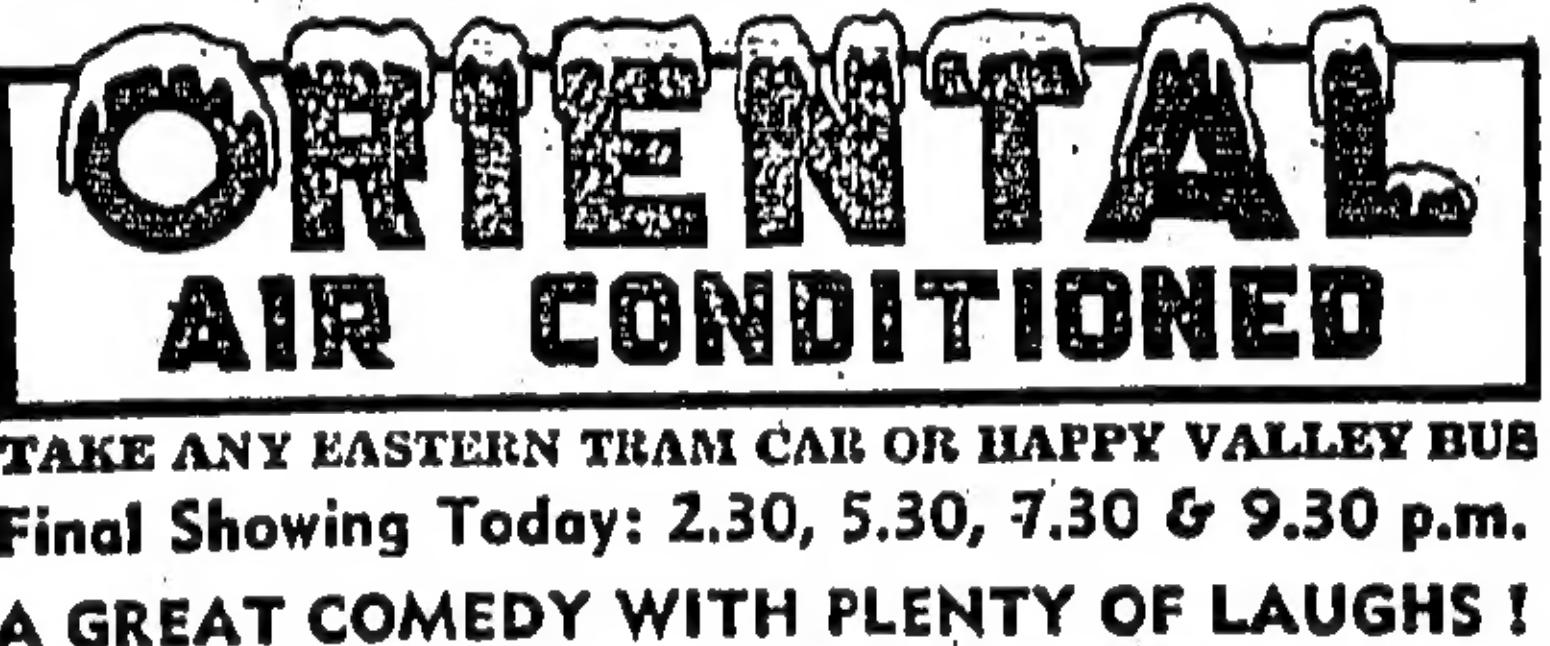
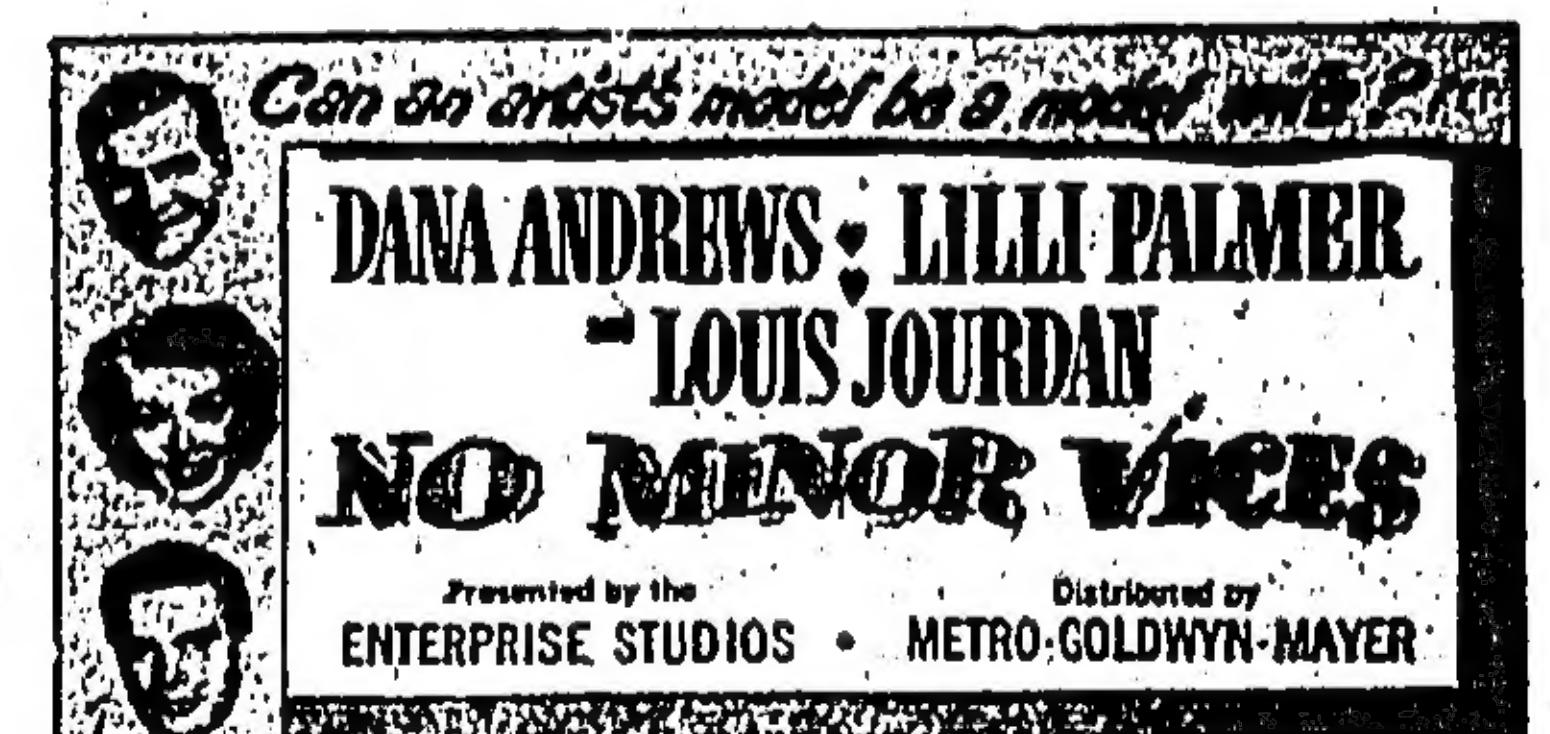
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A THOUSAND MYSTERIES OF THE SOUTH SEAS!



Ali Mansur--an enigma in Middle Eastern politics

Teheran, July 23. The Persian Premier, Ali Mansur, has worked a diplomatic miracle and made America and Russia see eye to eye on one point.

"Unhappily for Mansur, what they agree on is that neither like Ali Mansur."

The Russians call him reactionary and plump for Government by the local Communist Party, called Tudeh.

Paradoxically, the Americans fear Mansur might take an opportunistic leap on the Soviet band-wagon. They also privately feel his Government is corrupt and ineffectual.

The man both East and West dislike is an ailing pencil-thin 63-year-old professional politician. The Shah made him Premier last spring because he considered Mansur a "third force" committed neither to East nor West. There is good reason to believe the Shah had another motive: he knew Mansur was unpopular with U.S. diplomats and, disappointed that his triumphal U.S. tour last winter produced no American economic aid for Persia, named Mansur to the post.

Mansur heads the Persian Government. Since oil-rich Persia and its 16,000,000 inhabitants are a crucial area in the East-West cold war for influence, Mansur becomes a figure of international importance.

Sound reasons

A study of his record shows apparently sound reasons both for Soviet and American suspicions. Son of a Government clerk, Mansur has "worked his way up from a 1907 translator's job."

He was dismissed as Minister of Roads and Highways on a bribery charge in 1930. Later he was officially cleared. In 1940, he became Prime Minister but quit when Soviet and British troops occupied the country to unseat pro-German Reza Shah the Great.

After the war, he was chairman of Persia's ineffectual seven-year plan until he became Premier again last March 22.

The man who could swing Persia either to the East or West is the Persian equivalent of a U.S. machine politician. Those whose business it is to know all about the Middle East's politicians classify him as an intensely ambitious opportunist. They say he was closely identified with British influence in Persia until 1946, when it began to wane. Nearly two years earlier the British had become suspicious of him, feeling he had intrigues with the Russians while Governor General of Khorasan in 1944.

Widespread rumours of corruption in the Khorasan administration were prevalent during his governorship. Some official sources say only Soviet intervention saved Mansur from arrest at that time.

U.S. objections

Main U.S. objections to Mansur—common knowledge here although for reasons of protocol no American diplomat ever would voice them officially—are these:

He is not considered a Communist nor to have any ideological bent toward Communism. But the Americans feel he has intrigued with the Soviet for personal advantage in the past and is opportunistic.

Then, in late spring, the Russian attitude changed. An open attempt to embarrass Mansur was made.

First, Soviet radio stations began to attack Mansur's Government as controlled by Persia's self-perpetuating clique of feudal landlords and merchant speculators—a charge with large basis in fact. They did everything possible to encourage the outlawed but mushrooming Tudeh Communists.

Secondly, the Russians in late April boycotted the funeral of the Shah's beloved father, Reza Shah the Great. This step in the face caused an official Persian protest.

Thirdly, in May, the Russians formally protested that Persia was permitting Americans and other foreigners to be active in North Persia near the Soviet border.

These Soviet actions pulled the rug out from under Mansur insofar as he had hopes of a reconciliation with Russia.

Today, leaning increasingly toward the West, Mansur nevertheless remains an enigma of Middle Eastern politics. In a lengthy interview he evaded or declined to answer every single question aimed at pinning down his views toward international and internal affairs. His position is shaky, due to his lack of prestige in foreign diplomatic circles.

"Mansur has not made up his mind which way to jump yet," one Persian politician said in summation. "And when the time comes to jump he probably won't have a job to jump from, so it won't matter."—Associated Press.

Port de Souc, Southern France, July 23. An explosion early today destroyed part of a stand in a new sports stadium here, which was to have been named the "Joseph Stalin Stadium."

The name raised a warm local controversy. On the wrecked stand was found written: "Municipal stadium for sport and not politics. We want nothing to do with Stalin."—Reuters.

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ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Heather, elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James A. Anderson, Hongkong, to Robert, son of Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Harper, of Hongkong & California. The wedding will shortly take place in Scotland.

BIRTH

Mrs. John Blaikie nee Peggy Hammon, gift of a son, both well: San Francisco.

FOUR EVENTFUL WEEKS

Four weeks have passed since the North Koreans launched the whole of their forces at the newly-elected Government of South Korea. By now the aggressors should have been in possession of the entire country, and be preparing for the "elections" on both sides of the border, scheduled to be held between August 5 and 8. According to plan, these were to be followed by the proclamation of the unification of Korea on August 15—the fifth anniversary of Korea's liberation.

The operations have revealed how well and solidly prepared the invaders were for this pre-arranged task, and the high offensive morale Communist propaganda has instilled. Whether it will continue when the tide turns another matter. This will inevitably come, but it would be wiser not to mention dates. The heavily outnumbered American ground forces have been fighting one of the most difficult of all delaying actions, and are swinging the front round from facing north and south to facing east and west. It may well be that they will retire behind the broad Nakdong river, which flows past Taeku southward and south-eastward to the sea at Pusan. No doubt the line would leave the river where it turns sharply eastward to take in the coastal section between the small port of Masan and the Nakdong. The South Western part of the peninsula is out of the strategic picture altogether.

The flanks, North of the port of Pohang, at the Northern end, and South of the Nakdong to Masan, and the centre of the line at Taeku, will be the points at which the invaders will make their biggest effort. Corresponding to the flanks must be expected by the Americans to hold the aggressors at these points. This bridgehead is bigger than that gained after the Allied landing in Normandy and is well served with road and railway communications. There will no doubt be a further period of sharp tension until the front is stabilised, for though the momentum of the invaders has been slowed down greatly, a spirit of growing desperation drives them on toward Pusan.

They would have been there a week or more ago but for the unprecedented swiftness in decision and action by the Security Council and the Government of the United States. The ground that has had to be given in Korea for the time being has been well lost. In a mere fortnight the clock has been pushed forward by an unusual ordinary degree of military skill. The American armament, which has been built up to a high standard, and the American people

CHALLENGE TO AMERICA

By "Windrush"

Special correspondent

stood for individual liberty, self-determination of peoples, religious freedom, free speech, tolerance. These were thought to represent the most attractive political idealism of the day.

Contrast the situation today: if the average man in a West European country—or a South East Asian country—is asked what American means, he will probably reply: "The capitalist system and its exploitation." Most Europeans today wish to abolish exploitation and to modify capitalism. Thus America, far from being the model and leader for the world, is regarded as the protector of the things against which progressives are struggling.

This transformation of the significance of America—from being the leading progressive country to being the head of the reactionaries—has come about without any essential change taking place in the American way of life in America itself. It is true that at present there is an ugly witch hunt in America against suspected Communists, in official posts. But, deplorable as this is, it has affected only a small part of American life.

In general, America has preserved absolutely intact—in spite of wars and the great economic depression of two decades ago—the most free and liberal and generally egalitarian life known on this earth.

The only real blot on American civilisation in this respect is the treatment of the negro population. But this is a blot not on the whole country, but on some of the Southern states.

Political virtues

Nobody would say that the American civilisation is, as yet, a system which promises to abolish poverty. It is a system which guarantees individual liberties.

Finally, America stands for advance by evolution. What a great part of the Eastern world wants today is revolution.

Idiots of the past

It is more interested in a system which promises to abolish poverty than in a system which guarantees individual liberties.

The truth of the matter is that America seems to the outside world not really reactionary, but old-fashioned. Half century ago it was possible for young revolutionaries like Sun Yat-sen to look at America and to fancy that its institutions were the most up-to-date things on earth, and that to copy them was the authentic way of progress.

Since then it has been made clear by experience that the political institutions of an industrial and wealthy Western civilisation do not necessarily fit the East. So the East looks for something more.

U.S. forces are reported to be planning a big drive in Korea if the fall

Pride will come before that.

"Potential danger spots."

These damned sub-editors imported from Kensington, I suppose.

Reports from the war front indicate that things have been pretty tiring around Yenglong.

"U.S. to step up Japan treaty effort as F.E. anti-Reds offensive."

Look here, I don't think we're as offensive as all that.

Ezzard Charles's opponent for the heavyweight title is said by his manager to be Beskore of victory.

Swear by it.

"The British production experts spent two months in the United States studying the manufacture of internal combustion engines."

Er, yes! this weather our own linotype operators feel exactly the same way.

There are happy men from Devil's Island

Outside the Georgetown Hotel with its gay, green exterior and potted palm trees, a man lurks in the shadows, sniffing the sultry tropical night air, breathing in the exciting scent of lime blossom and catalaya plants—a man from Devil's Island.

As a tourist strolls out of the hotel, the man from Devil's Island approaches. He is lean, grey-faced, dressed in a torn shirt and blue canvas trousers. He wears a twisted straw hat and is barefooted.

The tourist gives him a good-natured look and a dollar bill when the man has finished explaining that he is a French convict who has escaped from Devil's Island.

Here in Georgetown you find the last reminders of that brutal penal settlement. Now the Devil's Island prison is closed. Some of its former inmates have been

butterflies, monkeys, for which British Guiana is so famed. I collect their wings and make pictures out of them—landscapes, waterfalls and Indian macke scenes."

He showed me some of his efforts—artistic gems full of colour and originality.

The outcasts

Yet by the native Guaneans the "lifers" are treated as social outcasts. From the white man, especially tourists, they get far more kind words and considerations.

Jean-Claude smiled. "The tourists think a man from Devil's Island is one of the showpieces in this city," he said.

Oddly enough, these refugees seem happy. They have their freedom, and that, after Devil's Island, must mean a lot.

"I do not want to go back to France even if I could," said Jean-Claude. "Here in this British colony I feel at home."

"I ask nothing more. Wish to be left in peace. I am trying to live a decent life again. It is pleasant here. We see something of the civilisation we have left behind us. We make enough to live on."

"The great thing is to be free. After one has suffered so much in comparison, is heaven!"

"Starve? No, monsieur, we do not starve. If you can stand Devil's Island for a few years you are tough enough to stand anything."

"Well, sir, they've even been to bat at to offer it with me—in a nice, pink uniform."

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NEHRU'S PEACE EFFORT CONTROVERSY IN U.S.

Correspondence on
subject closed

INOPPORTUNE MOMENT

New York, July 23.

The controversy raised by Pandit Nehru's move for Korean and world peace has practically died down with the official indication that the correspondence on the subject is closed.

While the issue was still open, India and Pandit Nehru were mentioned in practically every news story bearing on the Korean war, sometimes with regret but always with a careful tribute to basic intentions.

Columnists and editorial writers invariably acknowledged the Indian Prime Minister's good faith but either complained that he had acted at an inopportune moment or had worded his initial appeal in a manner that was likely to be misused by anti-American propagandists.

The reason for this could be the cumulative effect of several known factors.

When the United States took the lead to stop aggression in Korea, she had to fight practically alone on the Korean mainland. The United States is touchy regarding even a shadow of suggestion that it is her influence that is keeping fear Security Council members from providing the necessary two votes to bring in Communist China—from among France, Egypt, Cuba and Ecuador.

If, as some political strategists over, the Soviet Russian delegation made a major diplomatic blunder in keeping out of the Security Council meetings during the vital Korean discussions at the end of June, there are others who think that the United States will hold on relentlessly to the legal and technical advantage it had gained so far as the prestige of the United Nations was concerned.

Prestige with U.S.

That prestige is now with the United States—the official spearhead of the world organisation's collective resistance to aggression in Korea.

It is now being constantly stressed by writers here that General Douglas MacArthur is fighting under the United Nations flag, not behind it.

Ironically, both the supporters and critics of Pandit Nehru's move in Washington and Moscow were bashing their arguments on the theme: "The Korean issue must be settled through the United Nations."

The question now being discussed in diplomatic circles is: What kind of a United Nations will there be by the time the Korean question is fully settled—or even half settled as a result of the United Nations forces reaching the 38th Parallel.

It is known that the General Assembly, when it meets in September, will deal at once with the issue of China's representation.

A Credentials Committee is to deal straight away with that question, but here again, observers predict that exerted or unexerted influence of the United States will be the final determining factor.

Those wishing to see Soviet Russia back in the United Nations insist that if it has been unexerted influence so far, such influence should now be positively exerted in the interest of the universality of the world organisation.

Even if Pandit Nehru's appeal has failed for the time being, observers said, it would exert its full force by the time of the Assembly session.

A United Nations affairs expert said in the New York Times today, however, that since sentiment against the admission of Communist China was stronger in the United Nations



PANDIT NEHRU

membership at large, the General Assembly almost certainly will refuse to entertain Peking's demands.

Dark picture

The writer depicted a dark picture for the United Nations, "with or without Russia." He said: "Some delegates, keeping in mind the possibility of a Kremlin-inspired attack on Yugoslavia or some other move in Europe or the Near East, think it is essential that the Soviet veto be prolonged, thus removing the possibility of a Soviet veto until those dangers have been met."

"Others, however, point to the fact that Article 31 of the United Nations Charter, safeguarding the right of collective or individual self-defence, enabled the United States to defend South Korea before it received Security Council authorisation."

"They feel that the return of the Soviet Union would not enable it to prevent similar decisive action by United Nations members in the future."

The writer said: "It will not be necessary to expel the Soviet Union so long as Nationalist China remains a member. This is precisely the reason why many far-seeing delegates hope that if the Soviet Union does leave, it will be on the Korean rather than on the China question."

Asian walk-out?

"Pandit Nehru, however, raised the China question in his letter to the United States and the Soviet Union on Korea. It is now feared that if members of the Soviet bloc walk out and set up their own United Nations, India and a considerable number of now Asian countries, and possibly other middle-of-the-roaders might join the Communist organisation."

"Some delegates believe that these countries, at the same time, would retain their membership in the United Nations, and eventually would become disillusioned."

The broadcast said, "The victory of the Chinese people's liberation war during the past four years and the recent victorious counter offensive of the Korean People's Army prove that the American artillery, aircrafts, warships and dollars will, beyond all doubt, be defeated by the people's armed forces in the East."

It added that the Central People's Government is determined to "crush the obstructionism of United States imperialism and liberate Taiwan."—United Press.

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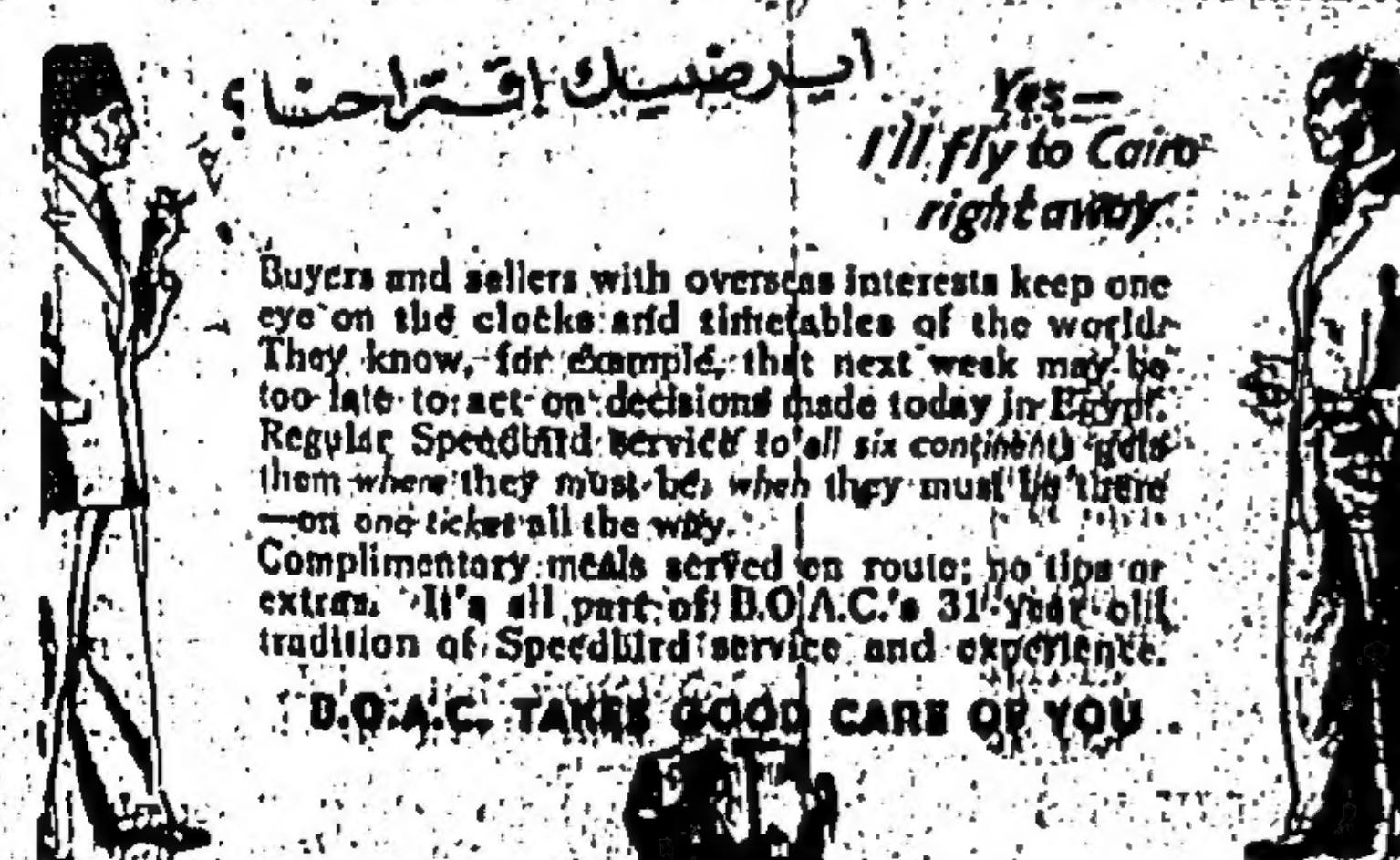
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NEW FRENCH EFFORT TO HALT INTRIGUE IN NORTH AFRICA

French Govt. to re-arm rapidly

Paris, July 23.

The French Government is prepared to respond rapidly to demands for stepping up the re-armament of the country within the framework of the Atlantic Defence Pact plans, it was stated here today in circles close to the Premier.

The discussions at the meeting of the Atlantic Pact deputies in London are expected here to provide decisions on suitable division of labour between the Pact nations in their rearmament drive.

The immediate plans in France include a reform of the system of mobilisation, to meet the conditions of modern warfare, including defence in depth.

This new system will be re-acted rapidly, the new Defence Minister, M. Jules Moch, told the Assembly on Friday.

Debate due

Five-year rearmament programme for the Air Force and the Navy are shortly to be debated in Parliament, but the time limits envisaged may be shortened in the production effort intensified in the light of the international situation.

It is possible that the second half of the 1950 class of conscripts, due to be called to the colours in November, may be called up several months earlier this year.

The new Prime Minister, M. René Pleven, put the need for better defence in the forefront of his programme nearly a fortnight ago, and said that next year's defence budget would have to be increased by nearly 20 per cent.

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Many deputies are also urging the Government to build up their general economic policy if not actually on a war footing then at least on a planned basis in case hostilities should involve this country.—Reuter.

Paris, July 24. The Prime Minister, René Pleven, has ordered a big new effort to halt Communist intrigue in French North Africa—one of the important strategic outposts of Western defence.

Government circles said today that M. Pleven had put some of France's best diplomatic talent to work on a programme that would write a new chapter in relations between France and her North African territory.

The main objective of the new programme, of increasingly greater independence for Tunisia, will be to woo North Africa's Arab nationalists away from the Communists, who have backed some extreme nationalist elements with both money and guns.

To do this, France is ready to make large concessions to the Arab demand for greater independence from French rule, particularly in Tunisia, where Arab unrest has boiled up to near danger point.

The new programme, while granting more political independence, will seek to safeguard these vital French interests in North Africa:

1. France's military security. The government is convinced that North Africa is an essential base for the defence of France and of all Western Europe.

2. France's economic ties. Officials say rupture of economic relations between France and North Africa would help neither and hurt both.

Of the three French North African territories, Algeria administratively is part of metropolitan France, with representation in the French National Assembly and courts working under French law. Tunisia and Morocco are protectorates. The small French populations there enjoy special privileges, are subject to different laws and often live in colonial splendour.

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French officials are also working on plans for a joint commission of French and Arab leaders to lay down a long-term programme of increasingly greater independence for Tunisia.

Neither the French nor the Arabs want to see Tunisia come into metropolitan France as Algeria already has done. Both seem to be aiming toward eventual creation of an independent state bound closely to France in economic and defence matters.

In Paris, meanwhile, President Vincent Auriol said today that France rejoiced at the United Nations' decision to stand firm in Korea and reject the "blackmail of an accomplished fact".

M. Auriol said he would welcome a just solution of the Korea conflict by the United Nations, "but first the aggressor, who himself has disgraced the United Nations, must be stopped."

"We must first check the invasion and occupation which, if it succeeds, risks opening the way to other invasions and occupations. Abandon and disunity in these difficult times are the worst possible factors of war and the best encouragement to force."

President Auriol spoke at a meeting in honour of the late Raymond Poincaré, French political leader in World War II. The meeting was attended by the Ambassadors from the United States, Canada, Belgium and Australia.—United Press.



'MARCHING ON'

"Marching on," the Socialist pamphlet to mark their Golden Jubilee, is now available.

LOS ALAMOS BELIEVED TO BE H-BOMB FACTORY

New York, July 24.

Los Alamos, the war-time laboratory that made the first atomic bomb, is now apparently the centre for making hydrogen bombs. Los Alamos is about 35 miles North of Santa Fe, the New Mexican state capital: the first bomb was exploded five years ago, on July 16, 1945, more than 100 miles South, in central New Mexico.

The probability that hydrogen bombs are being experimented with at Los Alamos is shown in a new branch in bomb-making at Sandia, near Albuquerque. Los Alamos had 1,000 workers and Sandia had 1,400. Nothing has been published about manpower since the H-bomb started.

Just a year ago an expansion of the Los Alamos site, to cost millions, was announced by the United States Atomic Energy Commission. This expansion was explained as necessary to modernise the place, both for personnel and for some additions to "technical areas."

Sandia, according to Dr. Manley's description, is the ordnance plant. It apparently makes atom bombs. For, he says, it designs and makes parts and also "complete units." Sandia is responsible for the storage of atomic bombs. Nothing has been published officially about storage, but one unofficial story emphasised the fact that to an uninitiated person the stored bombs or their parts would not even look interesting. They would look like commonplace warehouse objects.

Mathematical brains

The now electronic mathematical brains are one of the important sections of Los Alamos theoretical section.

These machines answer what happens in pressures of millions of pounds, temperatures of billions of degrees and times in millions of seconds. All three of these conditions are vital for either atom or H-bombs.

Before the H-bomb project, the manpower of Los Alamos was the same as during the war.

sites and colleges. The students are to furnish a nucleus for scientific bomb experts of the future.—Associated Press.

Plane crashes in America; 33 killed

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, July 23.

An Air Force reserve C-48 transport plane, carrying 30 members of the National Guard and three crew, crashed and exploded near this swank coastal resort today, killing everyone aboard.

The big craft—part of a nine-plane troop airlift shuttling between here and Nashville, Tennessee—apparently went out of control after it had taken off from the decimated Air Force base here.

South Carolina highway patrolmen said it smashed into the ground and exploded about 12 miles from here. The Air Force announced that there were no survivors and fixed the time of the crash at about 10:20 a.m. The plane, an Air Force reserve ship from Miami, was one of a group returning Tennessee and North Carolina Air National Guard men home after two weeks of summer training here.

"There were parts of the plane strewn over 500 yards of land," said William Singleton, 24-year-old farmer who lived nearby and was one of the first to reach the crash scene. "It was burning like a tobacco warehouse on fire. Arms and legs were scattered all over. It was too hot to get near the wreckage, I couldn't do anything."

State Highway Patrol cars soon reached the scene and Army doctors were summoned.—United Press.

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ALL-OUT THAI SUPPORT TO RESTORE PEACE IN KOREA PROMISED

Red Party Congress resolution

Berlin, July 23.

The most impressive Communist Party leaders ordered to give complete backing to a new five-year plan designed to double the economic production of East Germany.

In a flag-draped convention hall deep in the Russian sector of this split country, the strong man of the German Communists, Walter Ulbricht, demanded that Communists throughout the nation overcome all obstacles to meet the plan.

"The word 'impossible' is now stricken from the German language," he roared amid an ovation from 4,000 delegates from 23 nations, assembled here.

Earlier, the No. 1 Italian Communist, Palmiro Togliatti, pledged his 2,000,000 followers to support the Red Party's drive for peace and keep Italy from joining the United Nations now fighting in Korea.

Without mentioning the Western Allies, but making it plain by innuendo, he said: "We have not lost our enemies, who are again today threatening our fatherland. We are great patriots. We cannot play the cards of war and civil war, but the enemies who want to plunge Italy into new wars must be reborn with us—the better part of the Italian people."

Great task

Ulbricht said the five-year plan for East Germany was a great national task which must be supported by the people of West Germany as well as by the Eastern residents. He said the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia had promised to provide essential materials such as iron and steel, which would normally have come from the Ruhr, ally of Western Germany.

"The enemy need not concern themselves about keeping raw materials from us," he shouted. "We had discussions with the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia and have been promised 53 per cent of what we require."

He said the Communist Party was not trying to hush up the fact that there had been acute shortages of some raw materials in East Germany as a result of the split in the nation. He added: "And we have no reason to hush up the fact that we shall also in future have difficulties with raw materials shortages." — United Press.

London, July 23. The first Hungarian consignment of medical supplies for North Korea left Budapest airport today, according to the Budapest radio. Over 8,000,000 forints have already been collected in Hungary for a military hospital which Hungary is to send to North Korea, the radio added.—Reuter.

Thailand will go all out in support of the United Nations' efforts to restore peace in Korea, the Prime Minister, Marshal Pibul Songgram, told Reuter here today.

Marshal Songgram, who last week-end announced Thailand's offer to send ground forces to Korea, said: "There is nothing extraordinary about our decision. We are merely fulfilling our obligation as a member of the United Nations, supporting its campaign for global peace and stability."

The Thai Premier added that his country's force on the Korea war front would comprise one combat team of 5,000 officers and men, and not 4,000 as reported earlier.

Detailed proposals regarding equipment and despatch of the Siamese contingent to Korea will be submitted to the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, in a day or two, Marshal Songgram said.

The 54-year-old "Strong Man of Siem," who has weathered three major coups and numerous minor plots in 28 months of office as Premier, snatched a few minutes from his Sunday morning golf to receive Reuter's correspondent on Bangkok's golf course.

Marshal Songgram's teammates included top-ranking Siamese statesmen and foreign diplomats. He discussed the Korean conflict and the crisis enveloping the Far East, and seemed confident that Thailand was playing her cards well and wisely.

Proper course

He seemed anxious but unperturbed. He said: "I am convinced our decision to send active help to the United Nations is the only proper course under the present circumstances.

"The United Nations first asked for assistance and we offered to feed the forces in Korea with Siamese rice. Later came the call for ground forces and we responded promptly, for it is only through tact and decisive action that we can hope to cope with the critical situation throughout Asia."

The Premier continued: "By supporting the United Nations resolutions and acting thereon we are not only helping Korea and the cause of peace but also helping ourselves and every other small nation whose integrity might be menaced from within and without."

He stressed that his decision to send Siamese troops to Korea was taken in consultation with Cabinet colleagues and the National Defence Council.

The Siamese Parliament, in a three-hour secret session, endorsed the decision. According to Lobby reports, Nai Khuang halwongse, former Premier and leader of the Opposition, described Marshal Songgram's move as "plack." The word "plack," which literally means "strange," is Marshal Songgram's first name.

Good response

Marshal Songgram said that there was a good response from all parts of Thailand to the call for volunteers for Korea.

INFANTS DIE IN FIRE

Tiberias, Palestine, July 23. Five one-year-old babies were burned to death while their parents stood helplessly by in a fire in a babies' home at Kfar Arbel village today.

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An upset oil stove had set the wooden building on fire. Associated Press.

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Leopold--world's most heavily guarded King

Brussels, July 23.

King Leopold III, back on the throne after six years' exile, but ruling a divided people, was tonight the world's most heavily guarded monarch.

Black-uniformed gendarmes with rifles, Sten guns and revolvers, stood at 20 yards' interval round the wall enclosing the vast Royal park at Laeken Palace, maintaining a 24-hour patrol.

Belgian Air Force troops patrolled the wooded grounds around the renaissance-style palace to which the 49-year-old king returned yesterday amid the uneasy calm of his people.

King Leopold's supporters left no doubt of the warmth of their welcome.

From early morning crowds flocked to Laeken to acclaim him, coming by motor-coach, car, motorcycle, cycle and on foot.

Throughout the country there was an uneasy, baffling calm.

Belgians could not be sure whether this was the lull before the storm, forecast by anti-Leopold leaders who threatened a relentless wave of unrest if the King returned, or a sign that these inflammatory speeches had not reflected popular feeling.

Appeal for "concord"

King Leopold, coming home after six years' exile with an appeal to the people for "concord," spent the night at the Royal palace, turned into an armed camp. And today he did not budge from the palace.

The only close-up Belgians have so far had of the king they had not seen for years was when, before he went into the palace yesterday, they spotted him in uniform and with his two sons

at 120 yards and through iron railings and a three-deep screen of gendarmes.

While the king stayed at home, his popular 19-year-old son, Prince Baudouin presided today at a ceremony in the heart of the capital.

With his brother, 16-year-old Prince Albert, the Crown Prince drove through Brussels to present decorations for bravery to Belgians, including six coloured men from the Congo.

Two bomb explosions have made the only violent breaches in the calm throughout the country since the king's return.

Yesterday, saboteurs blew up a railway line at Anvaing. About midnight a bomb caused minor damage to a power station near a viaduct at Charleroi, industrial centre in anti-Leopold Wallonia

Second thoughts

Some Belgian observers attributed the unexpected nationwide quiet to the fact that opponents of the king were having second thoughts about the vigorous action with which they planned to force his abdication.

King Leopold has already had a taste of embarrassing difficulties that are in store for him.

An older statesman, M. Hubert Pierlot, head of the Belgians' exiled government in London during the war and awarded the titles of Count and Minister of State by the retired Regent, Prince Charles, declined an invitation to attend an informal council of the Crown at the palace yesterday. All the Socialist and Liberal Ministers of State were also absent.—Reuter.

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"Did you mention your fees again during the conversation?" asked Mr. Hooton.

"No, not on that occasion. I told him in any case I would need time to think the matter over and I have to make the necessary entries in my appointment book," replied Cowle.

Continuing, Cowle said Silva then asked him about the procedure in making appointments which he explained.

Cowle said during the conversation he asked Silva: "Will my evidence be so valuable?" to which Silva was said to have replied "yes, if I could say this lady had received extra tuition from a European who is the principal of the British School of Motoring, it will carry a lot of weight in court."

Cowle said he recalled having discussed the case at the time.

Both then went upstairs for lunch, which was paid for by Silva. After lunch, before parting, Cowle again reminded Silva he required time to think the matter over and suggested that Silva should give him a call during the week-end or on Monday.

Police notified

"After we parted I thought the matter over and at about 3.15 p.m. the same day I telephoned Mr. Maxwell, the Deputy Commissioner of Police whom I saw on May 11 in his office, and to whom I gave a statement."

"On May 20 I called at the office of Mr. Cashman, the Acting Director of Criminal Intelligence, at about 9.30 a.m. Mr. Cashman gave me instructions, and together we went back to my house. Mr. Cashman brought with him a recording machine and an induction pad, which he set up under the telephone.

"On the instructions of Mr. Cashman I telephoned to Silva but left a message asking Silva to phone back that afternoon.

"On the morning of May 23, on returning home, I found two visiting cards left behind for me. The cards were from Mr. Remmels. Both of them asked me to get in touch with Silva. I ignored the cards.

"At 1.15 p.m. the telephone rang. I switched on the recorder and answered the call. The voice said: 'This is Marcus speaking.' I recognised the voice as that of Silva. There was no one present during the conversation. As far as I can recollect, the conversation was somewhat along the following lines:

"Silva asked me was I willing, and I told him I was, subject to discussing the question of fees further with him. I told him I felt a fee of \$1,000 was insufficient, and he then said 'what do you expect?' I said two or three. He said he would take instructions from his client and suggested I telephone him the following day at the same time. I asked him what was the date of the hearing, and he told me it was June 2. I told him I could make the necessary entries in my appointment book.

"That was the first time I said I could make the necessary entries. After the conversation I immediately telephoned Mr. Cashman who arrived within a matter of minutes. He played over the recording to me. It was a true recording of the conversation. At the recording I could recognise both voices, including my own dialect."

Recordings played

Crown counsel then said it would be convenient at this stage to play the recording in court.

Defence counsel raised no objection to this, and on the suggestion of Mr. Sheldon, the recordings of both conversations referred to in Cowle's evidence were played.

The first recording was of the conversation between Cowle and someone. Cowle is alleged to have rang up in the office of Silva.

The second recording was of the conversation which Cowle said he had with Silva over the telephone.

On the conclusion of the play-back Mr. Hooton asked witness whether having heard the recordings played he recognised the voices.

"That was the voice of Marcus Silva. It was a true recording of the conversation," replied Cowle.

Continuing, Cowle said on May 24 he kept his appointment and rang up Silva about 4.10 p.m. in the presence of Mr. Cashman who had the recorder set.

"I spoke to Silva who told me he had not yet seen his client but will be seeing him later that afternoon. He suggested that I should ring him up at about 4.30 p.m. I said I would."

"After the conversation the recording was played over by Mr. Cashman. It was a true recording of the conversation."

Here the recording was played over in court for witness's identification. Witness said "I recognised the voices in the recording."

"At 4.30 p.m. I said to witness continuing his evidence, 'I rang up Silva in the presence of Mr.

Cashman. Silva told me he could offer a sum of \$2,000, and before I could reply he said 'don't be too hard on the people.'

"I asked him what he wanted me to say, and he replied: 'I would sooner see you personally.' We then discussed the time and it was decided that he would call at my house between seven and half past seven at the same evening."

"Continuing, Cowle said Silva then asked him about the procedure in making appointments which he explained.

Cowle said during the conversation he asked Silva: "Will my evidence be so valuable?" to which Silva was said to have replied "yes, if I could say this lady had received extra tuition from a European who is the principal of the British School of Motoring, it will carry a lot of weight in court."

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Shipping

Dauphin 150m.

H.K. & Macro Steamships 110m.

Indo-China (Prof.) 16,700.

(Dat) 35m.

Shells (Kwai) 63.5m.

Union Waterbonds 18m.

Astic Niv. 60m.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings

H.K. & Shanghai Hotels 6,000.

H.K. Land 1,100m.

Shanghai Land 1,000m.

Lamphooi 1,000m.

H.K. Realities 1,800m.

Chinese Estates 124m.

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways 10,100m.

Peak Trams (Old) 18m.

(New) 5m.

Star Ferries 60m.

China Light & Power 9,800m.

(New) 6,600m.

H.K. Electricity 200, 214.

(New) 10,300m.

Macau Electricity 11,150m.

(Hongs) 8,100m. 10,500m.

Sundaland Light 8,500m.

Telephone 10,120m.

Shanghai Gas 1,700m.

Industrial

Cold. Mfrs. 2,215m.

Canton Iron 3,150m.

Cements 2m.

H.K. Hops 15m.

Stores, Etc.

Dairy Farmers 15m.

Food 1,100m. 22.5m.

Watson 2,010m. 22.5m.

L. Crawford 20m.

Shine 24.5m.

China Emporium 8,000m.

Sun. Co. Ltd. 1,700m.

Wing Sang 700m.

Wing On (H.K) 850m.

Wm. Powell, Ltd. 80m.

Miscellaneous

China Entertainments 14m.

H.K. Constructions (Old) 2,000m.

(Now) 1,900m.

Vibro Piling 11.5m.

Maritime Investments 9.7m.

Maritime (H.K) 70m.

Shanghai Loan 700m.

Yangtze 2,140m.

Cottons

Ewos 2,030m. 2,020m.

Rubber, etc. Companies

Alma Estates 14m.

Anglo-Dutch 30m.

Anglo-Java 15m.

Anglo-Sumatra 15m.

Bata Plantations 60m.

Chemco United 50m.

Cheng Rubber 15m.

Consolidated Rubber 14.5m. 2.5m.

Dominion Rubber 15m.

Kota Bharu 80m.

Kroewok Jutus 15m.

Langkawi 10m.

Padang Rubber 10m.

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Bukit Timah 2.5m.

Bangkok Rubber 75m.

Remanu Rubber 100m.

Shanghai Kedas 4.5m.

Shanghai-Malaya 10m.

Shanghai-Pahang 100m.

Shanghai Sumatra 10m.

Sungai Duri 10m.

Tanah Merah 40m.

Telepne, Rubber 15.5m.

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U.S. BUSINESS, INDUSTRY
HEADS TOWARDS WAR
FOOTING; OUTPUT UP

New York, July 23.

Business and industry headed toward a war footing during the past week. Effects of the Korean hostilities spread rapidly to every corner of the nation's economy.

Plants closed since World War Two, were revived. Men idle for months were called back to jobs. More vacations were cancelled. "Men wanted" signs were dusted off.

Steel plants
become more
efficient

Pittsburgh, July 23. Booming U.S. steel mills are striving to meet an unprecedented demand from Korean war pressure by modernising and improving equipment.

Construction of new plants is the exception and not the rule. As long as three years is required to build a new steel mill, and construction costs have climbed steadily for several years.

Instead, big and little producers are becoming more efficient. New steel-making facilities are being installed, processes improved and plants streamlined.

In Congress, the House voted overwhelmingly to suspend the two cent a pound import duty on copper for one year, retroactive to July 1. The Senate may take up the matter this week.

Spot tin prices, which climbed more than 15 cents a pound the week before, lost exactly half of that gain by mid-week as speculators in the Far East took their profits. The metal finished the week on the upturn, but at 93 cents was still 3-1/2 cents below the previous weekend price.

Industrial demand for copper was reported to have become even more pressing, but there was little suppliers could do about it. They have been

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Mount Davis (A.P.L.) ex-Pacific Coast

Roanoke (U.S.A.) ex-Pacific Coast

Huang (B & S) ex-Kobe

Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

Akron Lily (Union Express) for Keelung

Bangabandhu (Blank) for Singapore

Roanoke (B & S) for Keelung

Neckrilla (B & S) for Manila

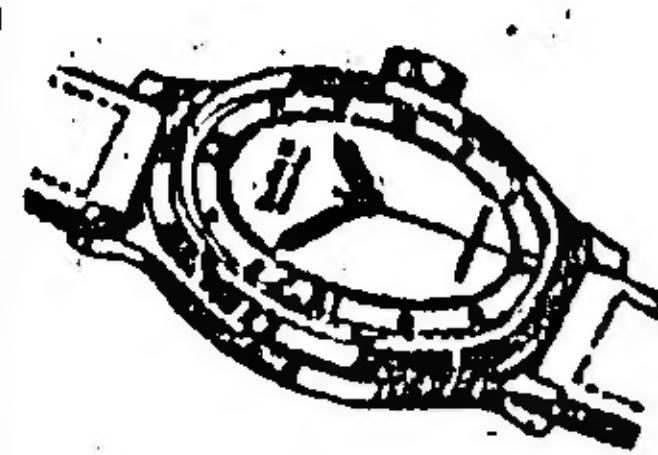
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HONG KONG, TUESDAY, JULY 25, 1950.

ENGLAND SCORE 257 FOR TWO IN SECOND INNINGS

Louis' plans depend on tax collector

Detroit, July 23. Joe Louis said today that his plans for the future, involving a possible return to the ring, awaited a ruling by the United States Internal Revenue authorities on his income tax.

Negotiations have been going on in Washington, reported to be over a plan for the Tax Bureau to take part of his purse in reticement of the claims against the former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion.

Louis said that if everything went off all right he planned to return to the ring for a heavyweight title bout. This comment from Louis came when he was asked about a story in a Paterson (New Jersey) newspaper which said that he had reserved the Pompton Lakes (New Jersey) training camp for a month starting August 24.

Louis has trained there for many of his previous fights. The newspaper said that Louis would fight in September and the former champion remarked that it was quite likely the International Boxing Club, the promoters, had leased the training quarters for him.—Reuter.

RIP VAN WINKLE FARR CERTAIN TO COME BACK

By HAROLD MAYES

Tommy Farr is going to fight again. Take that as definite—not from Tommy, but from me. Ask the best heavyweight Britain produced in a long time the reason for all the hard work he has been putting in those last seven months and he'll tell you: "Just give me another three weeks and I'll give you my decision."

But if you were to spend a whole day with him, as I have just done, you would be left in no doubt, if you knew him well enough, that he really means business.

That is going to worry a lot of people—those who put "Tommy" on a pedestal and couldn't bear to think of his being offered as a sacrifice on the altar of comebacks where so many great fighters of earlier days ended their futile careers miserably.

Forget it, though. Having seen one of his strenuous workouts I have to confess that I regard him as something of a "Rip Van Winkle." You don't understand? Then walk into the light, airy gymnasium at the rear of the Crown and Anchor, in Brighton's Preston Park area, any day during the next three weeks, which the former Tonypandy tempest regards as his testing-time, and you would find it easy to believe that you had both been to sleep for 10 years.

The Fair frame has not aged, fiscally or physically. In fact, I have to admit to frank surprise at the slight toll the years have taken: "The legs are all right; there's no doubt about that," Tommy says, "and months of regular work around the cricket ground in the mornings—I do six miles every day—has made sure that the bellows are mended."

How it all began

"It all began when I had an offer of a £20,000 wrestling contract from the United States. I thought it was worth considering and decided to see if I could get it."

"Then I had an offer for boxing tour in Australia, but while I had a guaranteed minimum, I was never quite sure what the maximum would be, and I undertook such a trip, I would want to know all the whys and wherefores, because I should just be counting the days until I got back to my wife and kids."

"Jersey, Jon, Watson was mentioned as a possible opponent for the exhibitions, and it was also suggested that I might go to South Africa with him, but since I realized that I was unlikely ever to come back to the United States

Nottingham, July 24. By tea time today England had scored 257 runs for two wickets in their second innings against the West Indies in the Third Test. At lunch today, England had scored 168 runs for no wickets.

The opening pair, Simpson and Washbrook, added 81 runs this morning to the closing Saturday score of 87.

Since heavy rain fell on Saturday night and yesterday afternoon the weather here has improved considerably. There were some periods of warm sunshine yesterday and this morning the weather was again fine.

The wicket was protected at each end during the week-end. The pitch was generally expected to play easier than on Saturday after the first hour's play this morning, when a little greenness on top may make the ball turn slightly, but slower.

At 162 the opening partnership had beaten the previous best stand against the West Indians in Tests this season, by Bailey and Evans at Manchester.

Nasty over

Gill neither could take too many liberties with Ramdhien who gave Washbrook one particularly nasty over. The crowd gasped when he added the ball in the direction of Weekes but it bounced just in front of the

slip fielder and went for three runs.

Scoring stopped completely for ten minutes until in the last over before lunch, when Simpson took a single off a full toss and the interval arrived with England's opening pair unbeaten with 100 runs.

Score: England, 1st innings 223

West Indies, 1st innings 658

England, 2nd innings 168

Simpson not out 73

Washbrook not out 74

Extras 22

Total for no wickets 107

—Reuter.

Tomorrow evening commencing at 7.30 p.m. the Swimming Section of the European YMCA will entertain the swimming team of 58 Medium Regiment RA to a swimming gala at the European YMCA pool.

After the gala a dance will be held.

The team chosen to represent the "Y" is as follows:

50 yards Free Style: J. Woods and A. Ingalls.

50 yards Breast Stroke: R. Thompson and G. Blenkinsop.

50 yards Back Stroke: P. Thompson and P. McRae.

100 yards Free Style: E. Cleimo and S. B. Mitford.

100 yards Breast Stroke: I. Nicholson.

100 yards Back Stroke: P. Thompson and P. McRae.

200 yards Free Style: A. Stevens and M. Nicholson.

Plunge: R. B. R. Gorely and S. B. Mitford.

Diving: E. Cleimo, P. Thompson and J. Woods.

Following these events there will be 300 yards relay (4 x 50) versus 58 Medium Regiment RA, and the final event will be a water polo match between the two teams.

Cleveland was timed at 50.2 secs in the 100 yard free-style.—Associated Press.

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Slender Richard Cleveland of Hawaii broke the American mark in the 110 yard free-style, and James P. Thomas of the University of North Carolina twice bettered the American record for the 330 yard individual medley.

Marshall, Yale University student, ploughed in a nine minute 37.5 second victory in the 800 yards free-style, a new world record. The old mark was 9:34.6 seconds made by Bill Smith of Hawaii in 1942.

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